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## CHIPS

Alderman Thomas J. Dixon, is positive that "he will be re-elected to the city council, from the second ward, with both hands down!"

The Bachelor Club, entertained about 20 couples at a dancing party Feb. 14th at the residence of Mrs. Lawrence Newby, 2628 Wabash ave.

Justice Theodore C. Mayer, who is as honest and as conscious as the year is long, will be nominated and elected as one of the Judges of the new Municipal Court.

Hon. Charles E. Randall, has made an ideal member of the Cook County Board of Assessors, and he should be re-nominated and re-elected to his present position.

Mrs. A. W. Curtis 5757 La-Fayette ave., announces the engagement of her daughter Mary Harriet to Dr. John B. Hall of Boston, Mass. The marriage to take place in June.

Alderman Michael D. Dougherty, who is as honest as the day is long, and is a valuable member of the City Council, will be re-elected to that body this spring from the 23rd ward.

The Berean Home and Foreign Missionary Society meets the 1st and 3rd Fridays in each month. The interest in the work is gradually growing and the attendance is increasing.

The little son of Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Braddon, 3008 Fifth avenue, has for the past three weeks been at death's door, but owing to the skillful treatment of Dr. Edward S. Miller he is on the road to recovery.

Congressman William Sulzer, of New York City, has favored the writer, with a copy of the latest edition of the Congressional Directory for which we hope the eloquent Congressman, will accept our thanks.

The Supreme Court of Illinois this week handed down a decision affirming the validity of the New Chicago charter, which means that twenty-eight municipal courts will be established in this city, and that the next Mayor will be elected for four years.

The Berean Baptist church was crowded to its utmost capacity last Sunday evening to listen to the Sacred concert given under the auspices of the Ideal Club of the church. The program was excellent in every particular.

The Phyllis Wheatley Club will meet Wednesday, Feb. 21st, at Douglass Center. The programme will be rendered by the Philanthropy section, and Mrs. Hattie Robinson, of Duluth, Minn., will talk on the work of the clubs out west. E. L. Davis, Pres.

Alderman Peter Reinberg of the 26th ward who has been ever willing to faithfully serve his constituents and to labor for the advancement and the improvement of Chicago in all things will be re-elected to the City Council this coming April.

There is one sap or monkey-headed would-be Negro lawyer in this town who has always posed as a reformer, but at the present time he delights to train with gamblers and Plug-uglies, who may hear something drop before many moons!

The "Special Musical and Literary Program" in honor of Frederick Douglass 99th birthday at the Douglass Centre Lyceum Friday evening was both entertaining and instructive and greatly enjoyed by the many who turned out to hear it.

A committee of ladies with Mrs. James H. Thompson as chairman are arranging a public reception to meet Father Massiah, the new rector of St. Thomas, Episcopal Church. The reception will take place Monday evening at the residence of Mrs. John Johnson, 2827 Vernon avenue.

Alderman John J. Bradley, who is the best representative that has ever sat in the City Council from the 26th

Ward, may have a little scrap on his hands at the primaries with John A. Haney on Saturday Feb. 24th. But the more than popular and honest Alderman will be a winner just the same.

John H. Coleman and Company, Express and Van Moving, Tile and Slate Hauling a specialty 2540 State st., Tel. 699 South, are still engaged in presenting their many customers and friends with beautiful Calendars for 1906.

Mr. A. W. Miller who is one of the big leaders of the Republican Party, on the West Side, will have no trouble in being re-elected as a member of the Board of Assessors of Cook County, for in the past he has proven himself to be a first class official.

Judge Richard A. Dawson, who was one of the old time Afro-American Democrats, and was well known among all the Politicians, passed away Saturday morning at 2939 Armour ave., and on Monday, his remains were laid to rest in Union Ridge Cemetery.

Dr. R. H. Hardin and Mr. Clifford Johnson have been appointed permanent ushers at St. Thomas Episcopal church with special instructions from the rector, not to seat attendants during the sermon. This is at it should be in all churches, for nothing disturbs the speaker and listeners more than the "late comers" who promenade to the front, in order to show their new appendages etc., etc.

Alderman Charley Martin, and William B. Brown, Sergeant-At-Arms of the city council, flim-flamed honest and country looking Alderman P. J. O'Connell out of \$10, it appears that they conspired together and induced Alderman O'Connell, to put up his ten spot, last Tuesday afternoon, on some kind of a shell or skin game, and after they got his money they divided it up among themselves, and now the easy mark Alderman from the 31st ward, may hail them before Mayor Dunne, Chief Collins, and the city council for gambling in the city hall.

The Freeman has no objection to The Broad Ax clipping its articles entire, headlines, and all, but it does seem that anything "broad" should be broad enough to give proper credit. Otherwise The Broad Ax should change its name to hatchet or tomahawk.—The Freeman, Indianapolis, Ind.

The editorial writers of The Freeman accuse us of dishing up Rev. D. A. Graham's letters or articles as original matter, which is untrue. His first article to appear in these columns was clipped from The Bytander, Des Moines, Iowa, and not knowing it was from The Freeman, we supposed it was credited to exchange, and the two last letters have been duly credited to the Journal from which they were appropriated. Hoping this explanation will be sufficient to satisfy The Freeman as we are not in the stealing business.

**FREDERICK DOUGLASS CENTER,**  
3032 WABASH AVE.

The Young Peoples' Lyceum carried out a very interesting Douglass anniversary program last night with appropriate addresses, songs and recitations. Tomorrow 3 p. m., the anniversary season will be continued with an address by Mrs. Ida B. Wells-Barnett. The Douglass Funeral March composed by Prof. N. Clark Smith will be rendered and a few of the favorite Jubilee songs so much enjoyed by him. The Singers are Miss Anna Garrett, soprano; Mrs. Della Blake-Ridgeway, contralto; Prof. Smith, tenor, and Mr. W. O. Brown basso.

The committee to take charge of the work of a vacation school at Keith is earnestly working. The first of a series of Sunday evening meetings will be held at Bethel church Sunday, Feb. 25. Mrs. I. N. Blackwelder a member of the committee on vacation schools will give the address. Mrs. D. H. Williams is chairman of this committee and is ably assisted by Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Luff, Miss Constance Hancock and Mrs. Frank George.

Monday 8 p. m., the men's forum will meet.

The Woman's Club will be addressed by Miss Ellen Starr of Hull House on "The Cross in Art and Literature" Tuesday 2 p. m.

The Phyllis Wheatley Club holds its regular meeting Wednesday 2 p. m. The speaker will be Mrs. Wald of the Juvenile Court.

Thursday 4 p. m. the girls' club meets and at 8 p. m. the sociology class will meet.

Saturday 10 a. m. the sewing class meets. At 4 p. m. the boys' club and at 8 p. m. the English Literature class.

### Where Lies the Blame?

(Continued from page 1.)

Iowa conference in 1902 refused to give missionary papers on account of complaints made against him for bad conduct, but whom Bishop Grant did subsequently give papers of authority, in spite of the action of the annual conference? Is not this the same Hubert who in the fall of 1904 was arrested in Lincoln, Neb. for rape, was tried, convicted and served time for the same? Certainly there was a Rev. P. A. Hubert who made such a record. Now what does Bishop Derrick mean by taking up this fellow and making him a special, secret agent for Wilberforce, and allowing him to run for eighteen months without making any report, or without the proper authorities knowing that he was collecting money for the school? Of course Hubert's word cannot be taken for anything; but the way the prosecuting attorney looked at this beautiful surprise led him to tell President Jones that he had better drop the prosecution, for he could not send Hubert to the pen without sending three of the highest dignitaries in the church to keep him company. To save the church the disgrace President Jones reluctantly accepted \$400.00 from Hubert for Wilberforce and let him go.

Remember, I am prepared to prove every statement I make. Remember also that all the bishops have treated me well, and hence I have no personal grievance against a single one. I am not fighting men, but I am fighting sin in high places.

Information is pouring in upon me from every quarter showing how vice and iniquity are being fostered all through the church, and how little the authorities care for the laws of the church. I know that the conditions were awful before I began to write, but I see that I did not know nearly all. Here, for instance, is a letter from a prominent layman in the East, unfolding the sad state of affairs in the First District. The newspapers have given us plenty, but they have not given half the truth. No wonder there is rebellion and defiance of authority. What else can we expect from people who have enlightened consciences? They demand that the preachers and bishops practice what they preach, and when they see such flagrant departures from this rule, and that bishops do not require such things, they do not bow to the judgment of such men.

And so Dr. Johnson says that there is an "ominous indifference" on the part of the bishops, and the public adds "an ominous silence." It is this very indifference that brings me to say that they are largely responsible, as the good doctor admits. They have gone on so long and become so tangled up with these bad men that they see no way to cut loose from them without condemning themselves. But this is just what they are called upon to do, confess their sins, whether of omission or of commission and make a new start in their episcopal life. They cannot regain the confidence of the public in any other way. A layman of the last two general conferences says that the only mistake I made in my first article was in saying that "the church would not last twenty-five years, in its present condition." He says that it will not last twelve years unless the bishops come down and make a new start. This is the only way to restore confidence. Will they have the moral courage to do it, or will they go blindly on as did the Russians against the Japs?

In my next I will take up the flagrant misappropriations of the dollar money.

D. A. GRAHAM.  
Detroit, Mich.

In The Freeman Feb. 10, 1906.

### Furnished Room To Rent.

Modern furnished front room to rent. Steam heat, Telephone service. 3634 Calumet ave.

### Just a Few.

"All men make fools of themselves a number of times in this life." "Oh, I don't know; some men love but once."—Houston Post.

### Watch Works.

An ordinary watch contains about 150 pieces, but complicated repeaters, chronographs, etc., as many as 800, and in one case 975 pieces.

### Unnecessary.

We'd think a good deal better of some people if they didn't think so well of themselves as to make it unnecessary.—Pack.

### Soap in France.

Six pounds per person per annum is the average consumption of soap in France. The average is ten pounds in our country.

### Living Easy.

John Jacob Astor's income is estimated at \$20,000 a day.

**Islanders Leaving.**  
Owing to the emigration of 1,000 persons during the past three months from St. Pierre and Miquelon—Islands immediately south of Newfoundland—out of a total population of 6,500, the French authorities are beginning to fear that the colony is threatened with extinction. The rush of emigration is likely to continue. The poorer inhabitants advocate the transfer of St. Pierre by France to Newfoundland.

### Battled to Honorable Mention.

"You believe in old-age pensions, do you?" said the passenger with the skull cap. "Well, that depends. Take your case, for instance. What claim have you on the country? What have you ever done or suffered for?"

"I've got the tobacco heart from contributing to its internal revenue department," said the passenger with the sandy goatee, "and I've raised 14 boys, b'gosh!"—Chicago Tribune.

### Insecure Security.

James Richardson, of Rodger Mills county, tendered a mule the other day as a chattel to a Cheyenne money lender in order to get funds with which to get a marriage license and pay the preacher. He had ridden the mule in —18 miles—and expected to walk back home in time for the wedding.—Guthrie (Okla.) Gazette.

### Fortune Made Miser.

Father Aebly, a noted miser, has died at Berns, age 70. When he was 23 a fortune was bequeathed him, and from being a spendthrift he at once became a miser. He lived on bread and water at a cost of three cents a day, and left \$750,000. The sum of \$100,000 in gold and silver was found under his bedroom floor.

### Getting Her Loquacious.

"My daughter is so taciturn," complained Mrs. Blankton-Black. "What ought I to do? Consult some specialist?"

"Not at all, not at all," replied Mr. Wurdly-Wiseguy. "Have her given instruction in whist and take her frequently to the opera."

### Silver from Volcanoes.

Silver has been thrown out by volcanoes in two instances recorded by J. W. Malet. Ash from an eruption of Cotopaxi in 1835 showed one part of silver in 83,000 and that ejected in 1836 by Tunguragua, in the Andes of Ecuador, contained one part of silver in 107,200.

### Skeleton Scare.

The shadow of a dangling skeleton on a window shade created great excitement in a London street the other night. An inquiring policeman learned that an ambulance driver was delivering a lecture on first aid to a roomful of railway employees.

### Oldest Government Clerk.

J. J. Miller is the oldest clerk in the service of the national government. For more than 60 years he has been connected with the life saving service. He was born in Philadelphia in 1821, and educated in the private schools of that city.

### Up-to-Date Indians.

The Indians of Elko, Nev., have abandoned the dances of their forefathers, have built a dance hall, and recently gave a ball, at which they and their squaws and many invited pale-faces waltzed in the most modern fashion.

### Cross-Breeding Plants.

It is only within a century that hybridization or the cross-breeding of plants has been practiced. Yet it seems to have been in Lord Bacon's mind, as a thing to be achieved, more than 300 years ago.

### Garibaldi's Gaiter.

According to La Tribuna di Roma one of the gaiters worn by Garibaldi when he was wounded in the battle of Aspromonte, August 28, 1862, has been presented to the mayor of Rome.

### What's the Answer?

Johnny—Isn't a tin horn made of tin, mamma?  
Mamma—Certainly it is.  
"Then how is it that a fog horn isn't made of fog?"—N. Y. Times.

### Same Old Eye.

Asked in a London court the other day where he got his black eye, the skipper of a coasting schooner replied: "Oh, that's an old one. I've had it for two years."

### Pays for Killing Snakes.

In the Tyrol the government still pays for the extermination of poisonous snakes. It is the one European government which now does.

### London's Charity.

London's lord mayors have during the past decade collected more than \$100,000,000 for charitable and benevolent purposes.

### Nevada Auto Line.

Between Topogah and Manhattan, Nev., 58 miles, there is an automobile service. Round trip, \$35.

### Always Ugly.

The meanest thing about the average mother-in-law is her son-in-law.—N. O. Pickens.

### "David" Nation.

Japan is 50 times smaller than Russia, and her population one-third that of the latter.

### PIANOS WINTER KILLED.

More Susceptible to Extreme Heat or Cold Than Human Beings.

"Winter killing of pianos," says an expert tuner who has done work for Paderewski, Hoffman, Arthur Whiting and a host of other celebrated musicians, "is something that most owners of musical instruments take no account of. Yet it is as serious as the winter killing of shrubbery and needs to be as carefully guarded against."

"Especially since all the world has come to live in steam-heated houses and flats the business that the piano tuner ought to get, and often doesn't, has increased immensely. A piano is really more susceptible to excess of heat and lack of moisture than human beings are."

"It is bad enough, of course, that men and women will live all winter long in rooms at 80 degrees, with every particle of moisture baked out of the air. They naturally get colds and pneumonia from the experience. Meantime it's just as fatal to the piano, which cannot properly stand more than 72 degrees of the artificial heat."

"During the American closed season, as our English cousins like to call it, hundreds of thousands of musical instruments go to rack and ruin. The moisture is dried out of the sounding board and all the other wooden parts, which warp and twist and disastrously affect the action."

"It is surprising, anyway, how negligent people are in their treatment of instruments for which they pay a great deal of money. There's a lesson for the amateurs in the firmness with which professionals insist that their pianos shall be kept right up to the mark and not allowed to get out of order in the slightest particular."

"In a music school, too, the teachers have to be particular in having the instruments frequently attended to. The pianos in the New England Conservatory of Music, for example, are all tuned at least every five weeks."

### IS TWO ANIMALS IN ONE.

One Half of a Chameleon May Be Wide Awake and the Other Asleep.

To all appearances and according to the researches of those best capable of forming an opinion on the subject the nervous centers in one lateral half of the chameleon go on independently of those on the other, and it has two lateral centers of perception—sensation and motion—besides the common one in which must reside the faculty of concentration, says the Scientific American.

The eyes move independently of one another and convey separate impressions to their respective centers of perception. The consequence is that when the animal is agitated its movements resemble those of two animals or rather perhaps two halves of animals glued together. Each half wishes to go its own way and there is no concordance of action.

The chameleon, therefore, is the only four-legged vertebrate that is unable to swim; it becomes so frightened when dropped into water that all faculty of concentration is lost and the creature tumbles about as if in a state of intoxication.

When a chameleon is undisturbed every impulse to motion is referred to the proper tribunal and the whole organism acts in accordance with its decrees.

The chameleon, moreover, may be fast asleep on one side and wide awake on the other. Cautiously approached at night with a candle so as not to awaken the whole animal at once, the eye turned toward the light will open, begin to move and the corresponding side to change color, whereas the other side will remain for a longer or shorter time in a torpid, motionless and unchanged state, with its eye fast shut.

### HE GOT A WARMER SEAT.

Clever Ruse of Tavern Guest Cleared the Crowd from Around the Stove.

One bitter cold night recently a solemn-faced man drove up to a tavern near Westchester and made his way to the sitting-room after seeing that his horse was taken to the stable, relates the New York Press. There was a large crowd of guests huddled around the stove and he had to take a distant seat where it was not much warmer than outside. As soon as a waiter appeared the man said:

"Get two dozen oysters on the half shell and take them out to my horse." When the waiter passed through the room on his way to the stable everybody but the new guest followed him to see the remarkable horse feed on raw oysters. In a few moments the disgusted crowd, headed by the waiter, returned to the room to find the owner of the horse comfortably seated by the stove.

"The horse wouldn't look at the oysters," said the waiter.  
"I didn't think he would," replied the man. "Hand them to me and bring me a bottle of ale."

### Envy.

Mr. Billus—No dinner ready? What on earth is the matter with you, anyhow?

Mrs. Billus—Oh, John! Mrs. Blinks, who lives next door, has the loveliest new set of furs I ever saw, and I have no appetite.—Chevalier Plain Dealer.

### Proof Positive.

"To Jones is a prolific writer?"  
"Profoundly so, I'd like to have the money he pays as return postage."—Philadelphia Ledger.

### RARE ORCHID AGAIN FOUND

Plant Long-Sought Has Been Rediscovered on Recent Thibet Expedition.

An orchid which for 50 years has baffled all the attempts of collectors to find its native haunts has been rediscovered. This orchid is the cypripedium Fairleanum, which is one of a random collection made in Assam in 1857, sent to London in the same year and bought by a Mr. Fairlie, of Liverpool, in whose possession it bloomed and was daily hailed and described in orchid literature as one of the most beautiful orchids hitherto known. Several other plants of the same orchid came with it, and the species was at once named Fairleanum, after Mr. Fairlie.

From the day of its first discovery, in spite of scores of expeditions and perilous journeys by collectors, not a single plant was found until some member of the Thibet expedition, a few months ago, discovered a whole bunch of the plants. He sent them along to Calcutta, whence two were dispatched to Kew, and others are gradually coming through to England. "Probably another 50 years will elapse ere more Fairleanum are found," said a British specialist, "for no private collecting expedition is likely to venture into such a country. My own belief is that unless another military expedition traverses the same ground there will never again be a chance of getting plants."

The plant flowering at Kew has five growths and two flowers. The second plant is developing five blooms. The flower has a slender, hairy scape about ten inches in height, a prominent and charming dorsal sepal, one and three-quarters inches in length by one and one-quarter inches in breadth, with a white ground beautifully veined with violet purple and with brownish green veins near the center and whitish hairs around the margins. The petals droop and have an upward curve at the tips; they are one and one-half inches in length, with a white ground streaked with purple and yellow. The upper margin of the petals is much undulated and covered with prominent purple hairs. The pouch is rather small, greenish-brown in color, veined with brownish red and covered with short hairs.

### GOT HER MONEY'S WORTH.

Drug Store Customer Took Postage Stamps Instead of Hair Bleach.

The pretty girl whom the drug clerk recognized as a customer entered the store rather diffidently and approached the clerk with the air of one about to ask a favor, relates the Rehoboth Sunday Herald.

"Do you ever exchange things?" she asked, appealingly.

"Well, it depends. We try to be accommodating," he replied. "What do you want to exchange?"

She brought forth a bottle, which she handed him.

"I—I decided not to use this," she said, "and I'd like to return it."

"This was a bottle of peroxide of hydrogen, and the girl's hair was still brown."

"Certainly we'll take it back," said the clerk. "What do you want instead?"

She thought a minute and looked around at all the mysterious glass bottles and jars. Then an inspiration lit up her pretty face.

"You are so kind," she said. "I'll take it out in postage stamps."

### AMERICAN WOMAN GUIDE.

Touring Parties in Ancient Athens Shown the Signs by Young Lady.

There is in Athens, Greece, a young American girl, Miss Florence Stone, who makes a good living as a professional guide. Some time ago, while traveling in Europe with her mother, Miss Stone received word that their fortune had suddenly been lost. Happening to be in Athens, she determined to remain there and do what she could toward their support. She tried teaching English for a while, but was not particularly successful in getting pupils.

Then, at the suggestion of a prominent American woman whom she had accompanied on one or two sightseeing expeditions, she offered her services to parties of tourists as a professional guide and has made a success of it. With education and culture as well as a perfect knowledge of modern Greek, she is better able to impart interesting historical information than the ordinary foreign guide.

**Our Friends.**  
"Well, I'll tell you the trouble with Sterling. I admit that he's a fairly good business man, but there's a pretty big element of luck in his success. He's miserably conceited, too, and then it's merely his hypocrisy that—"

"You seem to know him pretty well."  
"Oh, yes, we're great friends."—Philadelphia Press.

**Too Much So.**  
Fiddle—You know Stocks, don't you?

Doctor—Yes, indeed. He is now a patient of mine.

Fiddle—Pretty wide awake man, isn't he?

Doctor—I should say so. I'm treating him for insomnia.—Stray Stories.

**Uncle Jerry.**  
"They say there's graftin' goin' on even in some of the penitentiaries," observed Uncle Jerry Fushler. "Well, that's the right place for grafters."—Chicago Tribune.